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CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM
OPERATIONAL MEMO #1**

TO: Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsors

FROM: Peggy Pawelek Brown, Manager
Food and Nutrition Program

DATE: October 1, 2001

SUBJECT: **60-DAY DEADLINE AND LATE CLAIM EXCEPTIONS**

60 DAY DEADLINE

Claims for Reimbursement and Claim Amendments must be submitted electronically via the internet to the MDE, Child and Adult Care Food Program within 60 days following the last day of the month claimed. This regulation applies to **both** original and amended claims.

The following timetable must be followed in order to receive Child and Adult Care Food Program reimbursement:

CLAIM/AMENDMENT MONTH	DUE DATE	FINAL POSTMARK DATE
October, 2001	November 10, 2001	December 30, 2001
November, 2001	December 10, 2001	January 29, 2002
December, 2001	January 10, 2002	March 01, 2002
January, 2002	February 10, 2002	April 01, 2002
February, 2002	March 10, 2002	April 29, 2002
March, 2002	April 10, 2002	May 30, 2002
April, 2002	May 10, 2002	June 29, 2002
May, 2002	June 10, 2002	July 30, 2002
June, 2002	July 10, 2002	August 29, 2002
July, 2002	August 10, 2002	September 29, 2002
August, 2002	September 10, 2002	October 30, 2002
September, 2002	October 10, 2002	November 29, 2002

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WITHIN YOUR CONTROL EXCEPTION

If the lateness of the claim/amendment is due to circumstances **WITHIN YOUR CONTROL**:

- < MDE has the authority to approve the payment of one late claim/amendment within a 36-month period.
- < This approval is an exception granted for the submission of a late claim/amendment when the circumstances were within your control.
- < MDE is able to grant approval and process the claim/amendment upon receipt of a corrective action plan. The plan must include:
 1. Actions taken to avoid repetition of the situation linked to the late claim/amendment submission;
 2. Actions taken to avoid any future late claim/amendment submission;
 3. A statement that your organization understands that a **WITHIN YOUR CONTROL** exception can only be granted every 36 months. Future late claims/amendments will not be paid unless your organization has **not** been granted an exception during the previous 36 month period **or** the lateness can be attributed to conditions outside your control; and
 4. The signature of the person who signed the CACFP Agreement/Extension.

OUTSIDE OF YOUR CONTROL EXCEPTION
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If the lateness of the claim/amendment was **OUTSIDE OF YOUR CONTROL** and you wish to request an exception to the regulations:

1. Submit a written request for an **OUTSIDE OF YOUR CONTROL** exception.
2. Include a detailed description of the events and circumstances that prevented the claim/amendment from being submitted on time.

MDE will review the information you provide.

- < If it is clear that the late claim/amendment submission was due to circumstances beyond your control, your request will be forwarded to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for approval.
- < MDE does not have the authority to process late claims/amendments. Payment authority rests with the USDA regional office.

SPECIAL NOTES

USDA regulations allow for claims to be amended at any time when the number of meals/snacks and/or costs reported on the amendment results in a downwards adjustment in the reimbursement value of the claim.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please contact:

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